

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board

March 19, 2009

**MINUTES**

***“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”***

**Meeting Held at:**

Balboa Park Club, Ballroom  
2150 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Mailing Address is:**

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Director  
202 C Street, MS 37C  
San Diego, California 92101

**Members Present**

Wilbur Smith, Chair  
Michael Stepner  
Ginny Barnes  
Bruce Brown  
Rick Bussell  
William Diehl  
Vicki Granowitz  
Norman Greene  
Roz King  
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds

**Members Absent**

**City Staff Present**

Stacey LoMedico  
Kimberly Davies  
Patty Jencks  
Kathy Ruiz  
Carol Wood  
Cathy Anzuoni  
Gina Dulay  
Debbie Marcotte  
Susan Lowery-Mendoza  
Steve Palle  
Johnny Chou  
Isabel Vargas  
Jo-Ann Novak

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED        Ms. Barnes/Ms. Granowitz**

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the revised February 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Greene abstaining.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – None

**Consent** At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE** – None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Area Committee Community Parks I and Area Committee Community Parks II had a joint meeting.

- Ms. Barnes reported that Mr. Clay Bingham Deputy Director of Community Park I provided information regarding proposed changes in the Municipal Code regulating skate parks. Mr. David Monroe Deputy Director of Community Parks II attended the joint meeting and provided additional information on skate parks. Several skate park representatives also attended this meeting and provided the Committee with their goals and objectives for skate parks.
- The Committee discussed how the Park and Recreations Department is moving forward on recreation council programming at skate parks.
- On-line registration was also discussed.

#### Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz reported the Committee received a report on the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Mingei Institution located in the House of Charm. Committee unanimously approved the GDP.
- The Committee reviewed two letters regarding community gardens, one from Kelly Broughton, Assistant Director of Development Services Department, and a joint letter from Bill Anderson Director of City Planning and Community Investment and Stacey LoMedico, Director of Park and Recreation Department.
- The Committee discussed the Pergola issue, and how projects end up on various lists. The Committee has set-up Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendation on what the Committee would like the process to be, so they may keep the public informed.

#### Design Review Committee – No report

#### Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Brown reported that there will be a meeting tonight, March 19, 2009.
- Mr. Geoffrey Smith is stepping down as Chair of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee after eighteen years of service.

#### Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported the Committee met on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.
- City of San Diego Police and Lifeguard staff provides regular updates to the Committee.
- Police Department staff are caring radiology pager to detect radiation.
- The Balboa Park 2015 Celebration was placed on the agenda as an informational item to notify the public, and to encourage them to complete the survey.
- The Committee received a presentation from SeaWorld on the new dolphin show.
- The Committee received a report from County of San Diego staff on Mission Bay water quality.
- SeaWorld stated there are no residual affects from the firework display of heavy metals going into the water. All of this information is available on the City's website.
- The Committee received a plan from a community member for a potential adult softball field at the entrance way to Fiesta Island. The Committee determined that this softball field was not within the original plan.
- The Creek to Bay Clean-Up will be occurring on April 25, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon throughout the City.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee

- Ms. Barnes reported that the consultant agreement has not been signed for the architect, and the Committee is trying to determine why it is taking so long to complete.
- The meeting for tonight was cancelled and the next Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee will take place on April 16, 2009. There will be a public walking tour of the site on April 18, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

Mr. Manual Andrade a representative of San Diego Live and Play Smoke Free along with several volunteers are following up on the compliance to the ordinance regarding no smoking at City parks. Mr. Andrade would like to return at a later date to provide the Board Members with a formal presentation.

Mr. Bob Kuczewski would like to know who holds the Torrey Pines Lease. (Ms. LoMedico stated that Mr. David Sandoval, Deputy Director of Real Estate Assets would be the contact for any changes to the Torrey Pines Lease.)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Stepner for chairing the last Park and Recreation Board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico stated that there may be two Park and Recreation Board meetings in the month of April. The regular Park and Recreation Board meeting on April 16, 2009 and the budget meeting to take place at the War Memorial Building on April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed a memorandum dated March 5, 2009 regarding Use of San Diego Unified Port District's Cesar Chavez Park in Barrio Logan as a City of San Diego Population-Based Park Equivalency.
- The City of San Diego has chosen to terminate the month-to-month lease agreement with the Girls' Club of San Diego Inc. Park and Recreation Department staff will be working with the Real Estate Assets Department staff to get another non-profit organization into the facility.
- Last month Ms. Davies, Deputy City Attorney, provided the Park and Recreation Board Members with a presentation on the Brown Act. Ms. Barnes raised the question as to what constitute an emergency meeting. Ms. LoMedico distributed a one page response to the Board Members that answers this question.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed the February 28, 2009 Memorandum from Mayor Jerry Sanders on appointments and reappointments to the Park and Recreation Board.
- On March 6, 2009 South Shores Park was renamed Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park.
- Ms. LoMedico provided a map of the community parks that are currently being updated by City Planning and Community Investment Department dated February 12, 2009.

- Council Member Todd Gloria sent a memorandum dated March 13, 2009 to Mayor Jerry Sanders, which request for the Capital Improvement Project Budget Amendment – Reallocation of funding from Myrtle Way Pergola toward Museum of Man roof repairs. Dave Jarrell, Deputy Chief, issued a memorandum to Council Member Todd Gloria and requested that the Pergola project funds be held until the completion of the emergency project of Florida Canyon storm drain.
- Board Members should have received their invitations to Hilltop and Miramar Field House grand openings.
- Ms. LoMedico reminded Board Members of their completion of Conflict of Interest forms by April 1, 2009.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

- 201. Fundraising Donations Report** by Carol Wood, Grants Administrator, Park and Recreation Department was accepted by the Park and Recreation Board with the recommendation that this be placed as a workshop item in the near future.

#### ACTION ITEM

- 101. Park and Recreation Department Fee Schedule**  
Ms. Jencks, Supervising Management Analyst of Park and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the Park and Recreation Department proposed Fee Schedule.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

George Plaisted, Hannu Mikkonen, Lisa Houston, Ed Smith, Linda Juhasz, Celeste Weinsheim, Jerry Harris, Mr. Kim Yourczek, Rickey Franchi, J.P. Hegemeyer, and Pattie Estrada spoke in opposition of Item 101.

Marc Sorensen – spoke neutral to Item 101.

Several e-mails were received prior to this Park and Recreation Board meeting and were forwarded to the Board Members.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Mr. Brown**

Mr. Bussell made a motion to not approve fee schedule as proposed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown.

#### Discussion

Ms. Barnes supports the motion only if it qualifies the reason as Mr. Bussell preface when he made his statement. It would be appropriate language in the motion that we don't support it, because of the timing; it just came out on Monday, limited timing to review, and still trying to gather more input before it goes to Budget and Finance Committee April 1, 2009. Ms. Barnes asked if the April 1, 2009 Budget and Finance Committee meeting could be delayed to the following Monday. (Ms. LoMedico will ask

the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee to delay the April 1, 2009 Budget and Finance Committee meeting.)

Mr. Bussell accepts the amendment and would like to add one more piece to the motion either before or after the motion.

- Fact that it just came out and not sufficient time to review
- Fact that there are many community questions
- Fact that the Board Members have a problem with one or more sections of the proposed Fee Schedule
- Based on that to deny the proposed fee Schedule

**MOTION:**

Mr. Bussell amended his motion to deny the proposed Fee Schedule based on the fact: that there was insufficient time to review, there are many questions from the community, and the Park and Recreation Board Members have a problem with one or more sections of the proposed Fee Schedule.

**MOTION:** Passed with a unanimous vote

WORKSHOP – None

STANDING UPDATES – None

1. Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director

ADJOURNMENT – 4:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, April 16, 2009 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico,  
Park and Recreation Director